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FROM: AMEMBASSY, BONN

DESPATCH #1228

TO: Department of State

December 13, 1955

SUBJECT: EXCON. Export of Mercury to Poland by a West German Firm.

We have been reliably advised that the firm TRANSACTOR, P. O. Box 176, Warsaw, Poland, placed an order with the firm I. V. SVETSKY, Windeckstrasse 52, Frankfurt/Main, for 500 standard bottles of mercury, 99.99% -- per bottle: weight, 34.5 kilo; price \$280 -- for immediate delivery to Austrian/Czechoslovakia border or FOB Rotterdam.

As Svetsky was not able to obtain the mercury for delivery to the Austrian Czechoslovakia border, they recommended to Transactor that delivery be made FOB Rotterdam. No information is available as to the origin of the mercury. The substance of the above information has been made available to the Ministry for Economics for investigation and possible prevention of the shipment.

For the Ambassador,

Howard J. Hilton, Jr.
First Secretary of Embassy

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